



**Washington State  
Department of Transportation  
Aviation Division**

**Washington Aviation Advisory Committee  
MINUTES**

Tuesday, June 11, 2002  
11:30 am – 1:30 p.m.  
Boeing Field  
Seattle, WA

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**ATTENDANCE:** John Sibold, WSDOT Aviation Director  
Al Banholzer, WPA President  
Tim Brooks, Vice-President Kenmore Flight Operations  
Dan Burkhart, NBAA  
Bonnie Cole, Women in Aviation  
Tom Green, Civil Air Patrol  
Jeff Robb for Lynae Jacobson, WAMA  
Carol Key, FAA  
Barbara Tolbert, EAA  
Jerry Richardson, WSCAA  
**Absent** Jim Kuntz, WPPA

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

John Sibold, Aviation Director WSDOT, presented an overview of the Aviation Division, its mission, and a draft business plan FY 2002-03.

**COMMUNICATION Comments**

- It was general consensus that the Aviation Division needs to update the aviation community more frequently. It was suggest that the Division use e-mail for monthly press releases and quarterly newsletters
- The Aviation Division should continue to participate in as many special events as possible to increase availability and exposure to customers.

- The Aviation Division should take a stronger role in advocating and communicating general aviation interests to other government agencies.

### **AIRPORT AID Comments**

- Non-subjective decision process should be in place
- Define engineering standards for construction
- Develop guidelines on how the money will be awarded
- Grants should be awarded for pavement maintenance
- Some discretion on awards should be maintained by the Division

### **EDUCATION Comments**

- Aviation Division should continue to facilitate CFI and A&P re-certification clinics.
- Mountain Flying and SAR Clinics should continue
- Partnership with FBO and Aviation Colleges for youth education programs
- Division provide a list of aviation education resources available in Washington

### **PROMOTE COMMERCIAL AVIATION Comments**

- More commercial aviation is need especially in Eastern Washington
- Need runways that can support Business Aircraft
- Dan Burkhart NBAA can provide information on economic impact of business aircraft to the area.

### **FUNDING AND LEGISLATURE Comments**

- Lobby to get aircraft excise tax removed from general fund
- Consider additional fuel tax on commercial aviation fuel
- Division should lobby to eliminate the Temporary Flight Restricted Areas

### **STATE AIRPORTS Comments**

- Promote state airports as backcountry airfields which can provide access to recreational activities. Work with the state tourism to include information on the backcountry airfields in their publications.

### **SUMMARY Comments**

Participants felt that the meeting was a good use of their time and expressed their interest in seeing the group meet on a quarterly basis.